#### **Securities and Exchange Commission**

section 101 of the Codification of Financial Reporting Policies.)

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## §210.2-03 Examination of financial statements by foreign government auditors.

Notwithstanding any requirements as to examination by independent accountants, the financial statements of any foreign governmental agency may be examined by the regular and customary auditing staff of the respective government if public financial statements of such governmental agency are customarily examined by such auditing staff.

# § 210.2-04 Examination of financial statements of persons other than the registrant.

If a registrant is required to file financial statements of any other person, such statements need not be examined if examination of such statements would not be required if such person were itself a registrant.

### §210.2-05 Examination of financial statements by more than one accountant.

If, with respect to the examination of the financial statements, part of the examination is made by an independent accountant other than the principal accountant and the principal accountant elects to place reliance on the work of the other accountant and makes reference to that effect in his report, the separate report of the other accountant shall be filed. However, notwithstanding the provisions of this section, reports of other accountants which may otherwise be required in filings need not be presented in annual reports to security holders furnished pursuant to the proxy and information statement rules under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 [§§ 240.14a-3 and 240.14c-3].

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GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS AS TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SOURCE: Sections 210.3-01 to 210.3-16 appear at 45 FR 63687, Sept. 25, 1980, unless otherwise noted.

Note: These instructions specify the balance sheets and statements of income and cash flows to be included in disclosure documents prepared in accordance with Regulation S-X. Other portions of Regulation S-X govern the examination, form and content of such financial statements, including the basis of consolidation and the schedules to be filed. The financial statements described below shall be audited unless otherwise indicated.

For filings under the Securities Act of 1933, attention is directed to  $\S 230.411(b)$  regarding incorporation by reference to financial statements and to section 10(a)(3) of the Act regarding information required in the prospectus.

For filings under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, attention is directed to §240.12b—23 regarding incorporation by reference and §240.12b—36 regarding use of financial statements filed under other acts.

[45 FR 63687, Sept. 25, 1980, as amended at 57 FR 45292, Oct. 1, 1992]

#### §210.3-01 Consolidated balance sheets.

- (a) There shall be filed, for the registrant and its subsidiaries consolidated, audited balance sheets as of the end of each of the two most recent fiscal years. If the registrant has been in existence for less than one fiscal year, there shall be filed an audited balance sheet as of a date within 135 days of the date of filing the registration statement.
- (b) If the filing, other than a filing on Form 10–K and Form 10–KSB or Form 10 and Form 10–SB, is made within 45 days after the end of the registrant's fiscal year and audited financial statements for the most recent fiscal year are not available, the balance sheets may be as of the end of the two preceding fiscal years and the filing shall include an additional balance sheet as of an interim date at least as current as the end of the registrant's third fiscal quarter of the most recently completed fiscal year.
- (c) The instruction in paragraph (b) is also applicable to filings, other than

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on Form 10-K and Form 10-KSB or Form 10 and Form 10-SB, made after 45 days but within 90 days of the end of the registrant's fiscal year: *Provided*, That the following conditions are met:

- (1) The registrant files annual, quarterly and other reports pursuant to section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and all reports due have been filed;
- (2) For the most recent fiscal year for which audited financial statements are not yet available the registrant reasonably and in good faith expects to report income, after taxes but before extraordinary items and cumulative effect of a change in accounting principle; and
- (3) For at least one of the two fiscal years immediately preceding the most recent fiscal year the registrant reported income, after taxes by before extraordinary items and cumulative effect of a change in accounting principle.
- (d) For filings made after 45 days but within 90 days of the end of the registrant's fiscal year where the conditions set forth in paragraph (c) of this section are not met, the filing must include the audited balance sheets required by paragraph (a) of this section.
- (e) For filings made after 134 days subsequent to the end of the registrant's most recent fiscal year the filing shall also include a balance sheet as of an interim date within 135 days of the date of filing.
- (f) Any interim balance sheet provided in accordance with the requirements of this section may be unaudited and need not be presented in greater detail than is required by §210.10-01. Notwithstanding the requirements of this section, the most recent interim balance sheet included in a filing shall be at least as current as the most recent balance sheet filed with the Commission on Form 10-Q and Form 10-QSB.
- (g) For filings by registered management investment companies, the requirements of §210.3–18 shall apply in lieu of the requirements of this section.
- (h) Any foreign private issuer, other than a registered management investment company or an employee plan, may file the financial statements required by Item 8.A of Form 20-F (§249.220 of this chapter) in lieu of the

financial statements specified in this rule.

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### § 210.3-02 Consolidated statements of income and changes in financial positions.

- (a) There shall be filed, for the registrant and its subsidiaries consolidated and for its predecessors, audited statements of income and cash flows for each of the three fiscal years preceding the date of the most recent audited balance sheet being filed or such shorter period as the registrant (including predecessors) has been in existence.
- (b) In addition, for any interim period between the latest audited balance sheet and the date of the most recent interim balance sheet being filed, and for the corresponding period of the preceding fiscal year, statements of income and cash flows shall be provided. Such interim financial statements may be unaudited and need not be presented in greater detail than is required by § 210.10–01.
- (c) For filings by registered management investment companies, the requirements of §210.3–18 shall apply in lieu of the requirements of this section.
- (d) Any foreign private issuer, other than a registered management investment company or an employee plan, may file the financial statements required by Item 8.A of Form 20-F (§249.220 of this chapter) in lieu of the financial statements specified in this

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### § 210.3-03 Instructions to income statement requirements.

- (a) The statements required shall be prepared in compliance with the applicable requirements of this regulation.
- (b) If the registrant is engaged primarily (1) in the generation, transmission or distribution of electricity, the manufacture, mixing, transmission or distribution of gas, the supplying or